

Jerry Pino and thank him for the contributions he has made to the community police department of Pueblo, Colorado. Jerry recently retired after twenty-five years with the Pueblo police force, and today I would like to honor his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Jerry joined the department in 1978 after leaving the U.S. Marine Corps, and earned his promotion to sergeant in 1994. In the course of his career, Jerry won three commendations for his actions on the job, catching two armed robbery suspects by anticipating their escape route and almost single-handedly unraveling a theft ring. Just this past year, Jerry saved the life of an eighty-four year old woman when he found her collapsed just outside her apartment in freezing weather. As a former police officer myself, I know of the dedicated service, long hours and unrivaled commitment that our law enforcement officers give to their communities. Jerry's twenty-five years of service exemplify this dedication.

Mr. Speaker it is a great privilege to honor Sergeant Jerry Pino and wish him the best as he leaves the Pueblo Police Department. He has been an effective officer and an integral part of the police force for twenty-five years. Jerry, thank you for your dedicated service.

#### GERRY McNAMARA MAKES NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA PROUD

#### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 8, 2003*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the key role that Gerry McNamara of Scranton played in the outstanding season of the Syracuse University men's basketball team, culminating in their winning the NCAA championship Monday.

For example, he scored 18 of the team's 81 points in the title game. Clearly, the phrase "just a freshman" does not apply to him, and he certainly earned the honor of being named to the Final Four All-Tournament Team. He was also a unanimous selection to the Big East All-Rookie Team, which is selected by the league's head coaches.

By helping lead his collegiate team to victory, Mr. McNamara is continuing his outstanding record from Bishop Hannan High School, where he set records and led the team as it won the state Class AA championship last year. Before that, he led the Holy Rosary team to a Catholic Youth Organization title in the eighth grade.

Those who know Mr. McNamara's history from Scranton were not at all surprised by how well he has played at the national level.

Mr. Speaker, Gerry McNamara has continued to make Scranton and Northeastern Pennsylvania proud. I expect we will see more great things from this fine young man in years to come, and I send my congratulations to him and his family and friends.

#### IN HONOR OF KUP'S COLUMN ON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 8, 2003*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an article by Steve Neal, a political editor for the Chicago Sun Times. The article, entitled Kup's column turns 60—and still going strong, is about Irv Kupcinec, the greatest and most influential columnist that Chicago has ever had, and one of the most influential columnists in the history of America.

Steve Neal wrote the following:

He is without peer.

Irv Kupcinec, who is celebrating the 60th anniversary of his column, is one of the more durable institutions in the history of American journalism. "Kup's Column," which started in January 1943, is the nation's longest running newspaper column.

"He'll delve into every phase of local enterprise and activity . . . business, politics, nightclubs, the theater, sportsband . . ." the old Chicago Times announced in a house ad. "Intimate, sprightly, his column will be brimming over with names that make news."

In his first item, Kup reported that Irving Berlin berated the cast of his musical revue, "This is The Army," after a published report that they tired of the road tour and wanted to resume their military duties.

Kup also disclosed that state Sen. Abraham Lincoln Marovitz (D-Chicago) was about to enlist in the Marines, and that comedian Joe E. Lewis, who was then performing at the Chez Paree, would soon be embarking for North Africa to entertain U.S. troops.

In looking back, Kup says that first six months of the column were the most difficult. But then he soon found a voice and went on to become one of the nation's more influential columnists.

He has appeared as a character in a Saul Bellow novel and two of Otto Preminger's classic films. Kup is the only living Chicago journalist to have a bridge named after him. The Kupcinec Bridge is on Wabash Avenue over the Chicago River.

His success is no accident. Kup is a man of incredible drive and energy. He is fair, honest, accurate, and has more contacts than anyone else in the newspaper game.

He met with future President Gerald R. Ford when they were teammates on the 1935 College All-Star football team. Kup, a quarterback who played at North Dakota and later for the Philadelphia Eagles, stood behind Ford, a center for the University of Michigan.

"I have a somewhat different view of the president of the United States," Kup later remarked.

"I've always liked Kup," Ford told me in a 1996 interview at his home in Vail, Colo. "He's a good friend and a darned good reporter. One of the best."

Kup loves Jerry Ford. But his favorite president is Harry Truman, whom he met when Truman was about to be nominated for the vice presidency at the 1944 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. He gave Kup a card on which he wrote: "Kup, you're entitled to admission, the front door and the back door is always open."

Truman's portrait still hangs behind Kup's desk at the Chicago Sun-Times. Clifton Truman Daniel, the late president's grandson, said Truman felt a bond with the Chicago newsman because "they were both straight shooters and were comfortable with each other."

In the final stretch of the 1948 presidential campaign, when Truman was trailing in the polls, he told Kup: "I'm out slugging doing the best that I can. No man can do more."

Kup may have been the only columnist in America who gave Truman a chance to win. Truman later confided to Kup that the reason he fired Gen. Douglas MacArthur during the Korean War was that MacArthur "wanted to use the atomic bomb against the Chinese."

It was Kup who got the scoop when Truman decided not to seek re-election in 1952. Kup also accurately predicted that Illinois Gov. Adlai Stevenson would be drafted that year as the Democratic presidential nominee.

At the 1956 Democratic National Convention, Kup noted that the young John F. Kennedy was the "brightest young hope to emerge from the conclave."

Kup championed civil rights in his column and provided a forum for such voices of freedom as the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali, and the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson.

When Bill Clinton won the presidency, Kup was among the strongest advocates for lifting the barrier against gays in the military. Kup also supported Truman when he issued his executive order to desegregate the armed services.

Kup is probably more identified with Frank Sinatra, than any other show business personality. A half a century ago, Sinatra won the Academy Award for his role in "From Heaven to Eternity." Kup persuaded Harry Cohn of Columbia Pictures to give Sinatra this part.

It should be noted that Stella Foster, Kup's associate for 34 years, is a major contributor to the success of the column. Kup's late wife, Essee, also was an integral part of the column.

On May 18, a celebration of Kup's 60th anniversary will be held at the Hilton Chicago. The proceeds will go to the Chicago Academy for the Arts. Larry King is scheduled to be the master of ceremonies.

Playboy Chief Executive Officer Christie Hefner and her husband, former state Sen. William A. Marovitz, are cochairing this special event with Kup's grandchildren, David Kupcinec and Kari Kupcinec-Kriser. For more information, call (312) 595-1400.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. CHARLIE NATHANIEL HALL, SR.

#### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 8, 2003*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Charlie Nathaniel Hall, Sr. Mr. Hall was born and raised in my hometown of Newark, New Jersey and has become a very active member within the community.

Attending public schools in Newark, Mr. Hall went on to earn an art degree from the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts, with a concentration in Product Design. While there Mr. Hall was also a member of the Gamma Delta Phi Fraternity and worked part-time in downtown Newark, where he earned the reputation of a "laborer".

Mr. Hall's ability to grasp and handle multiple tasks sent him through the ranks and earned him the Vice-Presidency of Local 108 in 1984. He was eventually elected President of the Local Union in 1989 and served until